

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 14-17 have been previously withdrawn from consideration and subsequently cancelled. In this non-final Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 9-13 have been amended. Additionally, Figures 1-10 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 1-13 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states:

Claim 1, lines 3-5 recite that the “first piston” extends outwardly of the “first cylinder” while in the extended position. The piston rod rather than the piston extends outwardly of the first cylinder under the extension stroke. Claim 1 should be amended to recite and distinguish between the pistons and piston rods by clearly defining “a first piston”, “first piston rod”, “a second piston” and “a second piston rod” to set forth a complete and operative invention. The dependent claims should be amended to be consistent with changes to claim 1.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite and distinguish between the pistons and piston rods by clearly defining “a first piston,” “a first piston rod,” “a second piston,” and “a second piston rod.”

The undersigned representative would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-13. On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that “Claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.” The Examiner suggests that “[t]he term ‘canal’ or ‘canals’ in claim 1, line 13 and in claims 10-13 should be replaced with a more appropriate term such as ‘conduit’ or

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement Sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1-10. These Replacement Sheets, which include FIGS. 1-10, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-10. In FIGS. 1-10, reference numerals 4, 6, 22, 24, 104, and 122 have been amended to more clearly label the pistons and the piston rods.

conduits’.” Accordingly, as suggested by the Examiner, claims 1 and 10-13 have been amended to replace “canal” or “canals” with “conduit” or “conduits.”

Therefore, claims 1 and 10-13 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, claims 3, 5, 6, and 9 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments to claim 1. Support for these amendments may be found in the original claims and throughout the specification and figures. No new matter has been presented through these amendments. Therefore, the undersigned representative respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Amendments to the Drawings

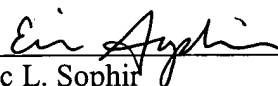
On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that “[i]t is suggested that the drawings separately label the pistons and piston rod with the detailed description reflecting any changes.” Accordingly, Figures 1-10 have been amended to more clearly label the pistons and the piston rods. More specifically, reference numerals 4, 6, 22, 24, 104, and 122 have been amended to more clearly label the pistons and piston rods.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 11, 2005. The undersigned representative believes that claims 1-13 are allowable and respectfully requests a notice of allowance to this effect. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

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